April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Good Friday – School Closed	3
4 Happy Easter	5 Easter Monday - School Closed	6	7 Grade 12 Math Contest 	8 PTI's: 1:30-3:30pm And 6:00pm-8:00pm Early Dismissal @ 12:15pm LPI Exam @ 3:30pm	9 Early dismissal @ 1:50pm	10
11	12	13 Daddy -Daughter Dinner Dance @ Cheers, 6:30pm-10:30pm	14 Grade 12 Meeting Small Gym @ 8:30am	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Multicultural Night @ Argyle, 7:00pm	23 District Pro-D Schools Closed	24
25	26	27 Mother-Son Dinner Dance @ Cheers, 6:30pm – 10:30pm	28 Grade 9, Economics of Staying in School	29	30	

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NEWSLETTER ~ April 2010

Principal's Message

We hope that you all enjoyed your Spring Break and that you found some time to relax and rest from the often hectic pace of life. School trips over the Spring Break included the Cheer and Dance Team competition in Edmonton, our Senior Rugby Team trip to Australia, and the Music Trip to China. Argyle continues to support such trips as it provides a rich experience for young people.

March was a busy month for our staff, students and community. Some highlights included the Spring Play, Choral Concert and Provincial Athletic Competitions. Special mention goes to our gymnastics team for winning the Provincials in the boys, girls and school division; junior girls basketball for placing 3rd in the province and our senior boys basketball for advancing to the provincial quarter finals. Thanks to many of our staff and community coaches and sponsorship for continuing to support Argyle in all these positive endeavors.

Term 2 report cards were also distributed this week. Hopefully those arrived home as Parent Teacher Interview Request Forms were attached to them. Interviews will take place on Thursday April 8th, in the form of two sessions – 1:30pm to 3:30pm and 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Please note that interviews are scheduled on a first come first scheduled basis. We attempt to accommodate as many requests as possible give the large population at Argyle. Please remember that if you are unable to schedule an interview with a specific teacher and your child is at risk of failing that course, you can contact the teacher directly via email or a phone call. Adjusted bell schedule for April 8th and 9th for the purpose of parent/teacher interviews is included in this newsletter.

Year-end is quickly approaching. Course selection for 2010-2011 is completed and students will soon be give a 'course verification' sheet outlining courses requested for next year. Change requests can be made within a timeframe only, as the timetable will be built based on student requests. More information will come in the May Newsletter.

The school and provincial exam schedule will be posted on the Argyle website by the third week in May. Please ensure that you review this schedule with your child. The last day of classes for all students is June 15th and exams will be administered until June 25th. Students are required to be available to write all exams as scheduled. For school exams, provisions are made only for those students involved in activities such as Provincial or National competitions and of course, serious illnesses. For Provincial exams, a formal adjudication application has to be made to the Ministry with official documentation ie medical note, etc. All requests must be made directly to your child's grade Administrator. We strongly recommend that parents do not book vacations or family visits within the established exam schedule as it will compromise your child's final mark. Report card distribution will take place on June 28th.

Argyle Has Piper Power

***P**ride*
***O**pen-mindedness*
***W**isdom*
***E**xcellence*
***R**espect*

SCHOOL GOALS

1. To Improve Students' Writing Skills Across the Curriculum
2. To Increase Students' Sense of Responsibility and Academic Achievement
3. To Increase Students' Sense of Empowerment

SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA

The Schools For Africa Club is running a "JarFest" in April or May of this year. For JarFest our club members visit local businesses with an empty mason jar and the business then fills the jar with something from their operation. When we have collected 100 jars we will hold an auction at school during lunch hour to auction off the jars. Right now we need about 70 more empty jars. If you have empty mason jars and if you would like to fill one for your company, please contact Mr. Ruben at 604-903-3628 or pruben@nvsd44.bc.ca

YPI FINALISTS

Congratulations to all of the YPI finalists for their outstanding achievement! All four finalist groups put a tremendous amount of time and effort into learning about their chosen charity, and each group created and delivered an exceptional presentation!
Congratulations to the following students for winning the YPI $5,000 donation for the ***North Shore Youth Safe House***:

- Mac Stephen
- Laura Wood
- Sarah Tahir
- Caoimhe O'Donovan

The Youth & Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) is a program that is being implemented in schools across Canada, with the objective of increasing student awareness of social needs in their local community, teaching them about philanthropy, and encouraging them to get involved in making positive contributions to their community by supporting local charities.
All of our Planning 10 students participated by forming small groups and researching a local charity of their choice. They presented to their classes, and one group from each class was selected to move to the semi-finals, at which four groups were selected to move on to the final presentations which took place Wednesday, March 24th in front of a panel of judges - including North Van District Councilor Alan Nixon, NVSD Trustee Sheila Bouman, Principal Olga Woodland, and Student Council representatives Sean Jackson, Mathew Janeway, Zaahid Lalani, and Stephen Williams.
The winning group will have $5,000 donated to their charity from the Toskan Casale Foundation.

GALLERY NIGHT COMING SOON

Mark your calendars now! Gallery Night is an exhibition of the best paintings, prints, drawings, ceramics, photographs and graphic designs created during the school year by Argyle students. The art work will be on display in the library, foyer and cafeteria on Wednesday May 26th, Thursday May 27th and Friday May 28th from 6:30pm to 9:00pm
During the day, the library part of the exhibition will be open for viewing.
Digital prints of photographs and art work will be available for sale along with refreshments.
We look forward to seeing you there!

FRENCH IMMERSION TREASURE HUNT

A group of 43 French Immersion grade 12 students participated in a treasure hunt which took place on Granville Island during the Olympics. They were given a set of tasks with questions which gave them an opportunity to explore the area while connecting with French speaking people, some working at the market, and others representing various associations with displays in the Agritourism pavilion at La Place de la Francophonie. *Félicitations* to the winners of the treasure hunt who were: (on the photo from left to right) *Jonathan Chee*, *Jessica Cumming*, *Corinne Dunwoody*, *Maddy Walter*, *Sonja Panozzo* and *Alex Yallouz* (in front) and whom received a francophone toque for their effort and enthusiasm. The students spent a full day of fun in French in a friendly environment!

FRANCE – SPRING BREAK 2011

Do you want your child to expand his/her horizons, visit a culturally rich and historic land, and practice his/her second language? This is a great opportunity to do just that!
What: a nine day tour of France, including Paris and the chateaux, Mont St Michel and the beaches of Normandy. When: during spring break 2011. How much: email Mme Dunkin for more information! jdunkin@nvsd44.bc.ca
We have some interested families but we need more to form a group.
Students should be in grade 10 or older (next year) to travel.

GRADE 12'S

All Grade 12's who have registered to write the LPI exam at Argyle on Thursday April 8th are required to arrive at 3:15pm sharp in Room 422/424. The exam is two and a half hours in duration with 15 minutes on either side of the exam to go over instructions and to clean up at the end.

GRADE 12 DADDY-DAUGHTER/MOTHER-SON DANCES

This year the Argyle Grad 2010 dances will be held at Cheers Restaurant, 125 East 2nd St., NorthVanvouver from 6:30pm-10:30pm (604-985-9192). **No** tickets will be sold at the door. Seating is first come first serve. A complimentary photo will be taken as people arrive and will be ready for pick-up at the entrance before the event is over.
Any questions can be directed to Mr. Ruben 604-903-3628

- **Daddy-Daughter Dinner Dance, $30/Ticket ($60/couple)**
  Is being held on Tuesday April 13th. Tickets go on sale at Argyle in the student services centre from March 29th - April 1st. Ticket sales will take place at lunch each day. Cash or cheques should be made out to Argyle Secondary please.
- **Mother-Son Dinner Dance, $30/Ticket ($60/couple)**
  Is being held on Tuesday, April 27th. Tickets go on sale at Argyle in the student services centre from April 12th - April 16th. Ticket sales will take place at lunch each day. Cash or cheques made out to Argyle Secondary please.

SCHEDULE FOR PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thursday April 8th

Period	Time
2	8:45am - 9:35am
3	9:40am - 10:30am
Break	10:35am - 10:45am
1	10:40am - 11:25am
4	11:30am - 12:15pm
Lunch	12:15pm – 1:00pm
PTI #1	1:30pm – 3:30pm
PTI #2	6:00pm – 8:00pm

Friday April 9th

Period	Time
6	8:45am - 9:45am
7	9:50am - 10:50am
Break	10:50am - 11:05am
5	11:05am - 12:05am
Lunch	12:05pm – 12:50pm
8	12:50am - 1:50pm

The Creative: FASHIONISTAS!

"The Show"

Fashions presented by: Kwantlen College Fashion Design and Technology Degree Program
Wednesday April 14, 2010
Matinee $15 Evening Gala $30 www.kwantlen.ca/fashionshow or fashion@kwantlen.ca

Vancouver Community College Fashion Boot Camps

July 12th – 16th at the VCC Downtown Campus 200 blk Dunsmuir at Hamilton
Unleash your talent and develop your skills at this week long training sessions delivered by one of BC's best fashion programs. Choose from Styling, (fashion shows, photo shoots) or Design, (create a mini collection). Gift bag from Mavi Jeans and daily prize give away. Ages 13-18.
www.vcc.ca/fashionbootcamps 604-443-8387 or judyho@vcc.ca

VOLUNTEER NOW

Vancouver International Children's Festival

The festival has 33 years of success educating, entertaining and inspiring young audiences! There are a variety of volunteer opportunities:
Choosing Event Planning & Management Careers? Become a Key Volunteer! Recruit and coordinate volunteers at your school and get a Key Position the week of the Festival.
May 17- 24 2010 Vanier Park Vancouver
Also needed: Activity Assistants, Face Painters, Hosts, Gatekeepers, Ushers, French Speaking Hosts, Site Monitors and tons more! volunteer@childrensfestival.ca or call Diana Stewart-Imbert at 604-708-5655 ext.305

Catching the Spirit (CtS)

Calling Peer Leaders aged 15-18 that want to connect with Environmental Stewardship and Leadership in outdoor recreation in Metro Vancouver Regional Parks . Earn volunteer hours that can be transferred to scholarship dollars in a program run for youth by youth. Deadline to apply is Monday April 26th 2010. or call Natalie Haltrich at 604-562-0583 info@catchingthespirit.com or www.catchingthespirit.com

Urban Camping in Stanley Park

Want to make a difference? Volunteer in our popular and fun **Urban Camping** program, make new friends, and help connect school kids with nature in beautiful Stanley Park. The first camp will begin the second or third week of April, and the last camp will be at the end of June 2010 with shifts Tuesdays or Thursdays, 3:30-7:30 pm. Volunteers are asked to commit to at least one four hour shift per week. Contact**:** Koren Johnstone, Volunteer Coordinator, email: vols@stanleyparkecology.ca, 604-681-7099

GAP YEAR Volunteer Opportunities

Get a Life! Katimavik - Your GAP Year

Take a breather from academics. Define your life and career goals. Meet new people. Make a difference in society and the environment. Live in a different part of Canada. Explore your interests. New program tracks to choose from and a choice of a 6 or 9 month program, Katimavik enables you to go from "get a life" to "got a life". Open to students 17-21 yrs. Information in the Counseling Centre or www.katimavik.org/gap.

Lattitude International Volunteer Gap Year Projects

Volunteer overseas and develop new skills, meet new people, define your strengths and see the world. More than a tourist. Mentor. Inspire. Work in outdoor education, community projects, education, or the environment. Choose from 12 countries. Most projects are 6 months to one year long. www.lattitudecanada.org

Post Secondary: Open Houses EXPOS Experiences *ETC*

Interior Heavy Equipment School

Training on those big machines for construction! Heavy Equipment Operators. Average earnings of $62,400.00 per year for workers that operate Excavators, Dozers, Loaders Backhoes Graders etc. Continual intakes every Monday with courses from 2-10 weeks in Kelowna. www.iheschool.com

VCAD Workshop

To assist students in preparing a portfolio for entrance to the Vancouver College of Art & Design there is a one day workshop being offered on April 10th from 9-5pm by VCAD instructors. Work hands on with VCAD instructors to prepare scholarship entry samples of work and gain firsthand knowledge of the campus and programs. For students interested in web design, graphic design, 3D animation, interior design, fashion design or merchandising. Be eligible for 55 scholarships will be awarded for a total of $150,000. Space is limited RSVP for *Art X* at 604-694-0019 or www.scholarshipinfo.vcad.ca

BCIT Aviation Education Info Day

Saturday, April 10 from10:00 am - 3:00 pm
BCIT Aerospace Technology Campus, 3800 Cessna Drive, Richmond

- Meet with BCIT instructors and industry reps
- Find your ideal program
- Speak with current students and check out their projects
  Visit our 300,000 sq. ft. campus housing over 35 aircraft and training aids.
  Courses in : Aircraft Gas Turbine Technician, Airline and Flight Operations - Commercial Pilot, Airport Operations, Aircraft Maintenance Engineers

Free Registration! http://www.bcit.ca/transportation/aerospace/

University of Alberta www.ualberta.ca/dreambig

U of A Registration 101: Get help registering for your first year of classes.Saturday April 17, 2010 Three time slots to choose from. 10:00am or 12:00pm or 2:00PM
Four Seasons Hotel, Vancouver. RSVP www.registrar.ualberta.ca/events by April 12.

Canadian Tourism College

"Career Prep 2010" : Travel, Tourism and Hospitality
3 Day On-Campus Experience will provide you with everything you will need to know to make a decision regarding a career in tourism. Only 35 students accepted from grades 11 or 12. Register now!
Wed-Fri April 21-23 full days from 9:00am to 2:00pm
Canadian Tourism College 1755 West Broadway, Vancouver
Reserve your seat at risako@tourismcollege.com or phone 604-736-8000

BCIT Big Info Session

Explore your career options at the BCIT Big info Session and Program Expo
Wednesday March 31, 2010
5-8pm
Burnaby Campus 3700 Willingdon Ave
Register: 604-451-6735 or www.bcit.ca/biginfo

Game Design Expo

The Vancouver Film School hosts:
Industry Speaker Day: Top game designers from BioWare, Obsidian, United Front Games and more. Saturday April 10th 9:00 am – 6:30pm Vancity Theatre at Vancouver International Film Centre, 1181 Seymour St. Vancouver
Open House April 11th 9:00am – 3:00pm VFS Game Design Campus 390 Hastings St at Homer
Details to be announced about the Women in Games $30,000 scholarship.
Register for either or both events early to guarantee your seat. More details at www.gamedesignexpo.com

Vancouver Community College

Everything you need to know about 140 programs at their VCC Info Night
Wednesday April 14th from 4-6pm at the Broadway Campus 1155 East Broadway
More info: www.vcc.ca

Kwantlen University Open House

Saturday April1- 2010 11am – 2pm Surrey Campus 12666 72nd Ave
www.kwantlen.ca/openhouse

First Nations Students: Post Secondary

NITEP (Native Indian Teacher Education Program)

UBC offers this unique program for students of First Nations ancestry who wish to earn a Bachelor of Education degree. www.educ.ubc.ca/teacher_ed
or email: nitep@interchange.ubc.ca Make a difference. Teach to touch the future.

GET A JOB!

One Stop Career Shop Hiring Fair

Thursday April 8th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm meet the employers with the jobs open!

T &T Supermarkets	TD Canada Trust
Telus	WeCare Home Health Services
Starbucks	American Income Life Insurance Co.

The One Stop Career Shop is located at the bottom of Chesterfield to the west of the Sea Bus terminal. www.ywcajobseeker.org/onestop

Not Just a Summer Camp

Pearson Seminar on Youth Leadership 2010

July 24- August 13, 2010 in Victoria BC. Designed to strengthen the role youth play as future community and world leaders, PSYL provides a unique environment for over 100 international students with the themes of Social Justice, Ecological Sustainability, International Understanding and Leadership. Also available is a 4 credit grade 12 program.

Red Leaf Summer Camps

Stoke your creative passion with teens from your community and around the world in a camp led by professional or college level instructors. Take programs in Film & TV, Performing Arts and Outdoor Adventure Sports and Leadership.
www.redleafsummercamps.com

Lifeguard Programs

Combine your love of the water with a National Lifeguard certification and you will have the ability to work almost anywhere in the world. North Vancouver Recreation is offering the courses necessary to become a certified lifeguard for more info
http://www.northvanrec.com/programs/certifications/lifeguard-certification.aspx

CSI Student Academy

Be a real Crime Scene Investigator! Learn about Forensic Science in this hands-on BCIT summer camp from July 5 - 9, 2010 from 9am to 4:30pm at the Burnaby Campus. Learn crime scene investigation, fingerprinting, DNA evidence, forensic video and surveillance analysis, forensic photography, the Coroner's role and more working on a mock crime scene. www.bcit.ca/cas/forensics/ Deadline for applications is June 29th 2010. Successful candidates will be notified by phone June 30th. Application in the Career Centre. Requires a 200 word essay and resume.

Argyle Drama Association

Mother's Day Hanging Basket Sale

Please support this important fundraiser by ordering some of our *fabulous* hanging baskets. The money raised will be used to support drama programs and for student scholarships.

Our mixed baskets have been a *big hit* in past years!

Orders accepted until **Thursday, April 29th**

Delivery date: **Friday, May 7th – *just in time for Mother's Day!***

Pickup outside the Stage Door, parking lot off Fromme 3 pm to 6 pm.

Order Form

Please mark **A.D.A. Basket Sale,** and drop off at the main office or mail to:

ADA c/o Argyle Secondary
1131 Frederick Road
North Vancouver BC V7K 1J3.

Baskets are priced at **$35 each, two or more for $30 each.**
Make cheques payable to **Argyle Drama Association**

Name: _____ Phone: _____ email: _____

Parent of: _____ Grade: _____

# of Baskets: _____ Amount Paid: $_____

Volunteers Needed!

If you can help, please indicate by circling times below:

Friday, May 7th: 1:00 – 3:00 pm 3:00 – 6:00 pm

Navigating Support Services for Children, Youth and Families

As part of an ongoing initiative to **connect families with local support services**, we invite you to this **free** information-sharing event. This workshop provides an opportunity to hear from multiple North Shore professionals. If you are interested in learning more about community services for your child, this is an event worth attending.

There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion following the presentations.

Presentations by the Following Services

- **Vancouver Coastal Health (Mental Health and Addictions, Health Clinics)**
- **MCFD (Mental Health Counseling, Group Programming)**
- **Hollyburn Family Services**
- **Capilano Community Services Society**
- **North Shore Neighborhood House**
- **Parkgate Community Services Society**
- **Community Youth Workers**
- **North Shore Crisis Services**
- **Family Services of North Shore (Parent Support Programming, Specialty Programs)**
- **North Shore Restorative Justice Society**
- **West Coast Family Support Services**

Date: April 14, 2010

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Location:

Lucas Centre Cafeteria

2132 Hamilton St, NVan

Register:

Call Jacquie: 604 903 4621

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- > LOTS OF WAYS TO CONNECT WITH PEERS
- > BUILD CONFIDENCE

Our goal is to develop children's social skills and confidence through fun, interactive activities, that can provide them with positive social experiences.